

# **Citizens Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Summary**

**June 5, 2014**

**Committee Members Present:** Dean Ishman, Wendell Williams, Bonnie Chu, Patrick Smith, Nancy Brune, Taurus Duncan, Vida Lin, Esther Langston, Suzanne Dessaints, Lavonne Lewis

**Committee Members Absent:** Jackie Seip, Ylonda Dickerson

**Facilitator:** Vacant

**Clark County Staff Present:** Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares and Deneen James

**I. Call to Order**

- By Dean Ishman at 11:43 a.m.

**II. Introduction of All Members**

**III. Public Comment:**

- None.

**IV. Approval of April's Meeting Summary**

- Approved

**V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**

- Dean Ishman – Concerns regarding the lack of attendance at the CAC meetings held every other month. A letter will be sent to all the committee members asking they reevaluate their time commitment to the CAC.
- Tim Burch – Would like to invite CAC members to a special Root Cause Analysis Workshop series with Las Vegas Healthy Community Coalition. The forum will be held in four sessions at the times provided below.

**Tuesday, June 24**

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Low Birth Weight Deliveries  
2 - 5 p.m.: 3rd Grade Reading Scores & 8th Grade Math Scores

**Wednesday, June 25**

9 a.m. - Noon: High School Dropout Rate/High School Graduation Rate  
1 - 4 p.m.: Percentage of 18-24 Year Olds Not in School and Not Working

Please RVSP for the discussion(s) if you would like to take part, to Lola Brooks at the United Way of Southern Nevada – [lola.uwsn@gmail.com](mailto:lola.uwsn@gmail.com).

## **VI. Working Groups Update:**

- None.

## **VII. Department Update: Tim Burch**

Since the Medicaid ramp-up, our Medical Assistance Program is only covering about 40 or less people. Despite the glitches that have been well publicized about the Nevada Health Link, Medicaid ramp-up went very well. We are seeing client choice. Now clients are able to use their neighborhood pharmacy and get a doctor in their community.

Several grants have been submitted and we are in the process of receiving award letters. Four of the grants are focused on mental health and medically fragile clients. With TBHI and GBHI, if rewarded the grant, a contract will be secured to put mental health providers on the streets to try to deal with some of the 9,000 individuals who are on the streets and try to get them into programs that can help them. We are making a big internal, structural change as we are shifting from our major partner being UMC to our major partners being homeless service providers and housing providers.

To accommodate the various transitions that will be taking place within the agency with the Coordinated Intake process, all levels of staff will be receiving training to become educated on the circumstances and situations of those who are homeless, facing poverty, etc. There will also be case management training that will focus on housing. Technical training for our new case management system will also be taking place. This new system is called ACES, and it is a transition from a mainframe-based system to a system that is web-based. Staff will receive around 20 - 100 hours of training, depending on what their job function is within the agency.

**Bobby Gordon – Coordinated Intake:** Our agency has volunteered to be a pilot site for these assessments, starting with the single, employable population. These sites are being called hubs, where individuals will be assessed so that they may be placed in housing according to their specific needs. We will be using the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPADAT). The tool helps identify the best type of housing and service options for his or her individual needs. The owners of the program will train our staff on this tool and it will take place over two days, June 19 and 20, all day, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be adding new staff members, such as a licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Nurse to help manage the process.

## **VIII. Membership:**

- Dean Ishman – A letter will be sent to all the committee members asking them to reevaluate their time commitment to the CAC.

## **IX. Public Comment:**

- None.

## **X. Adjournment: 12:51pm**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.